of 10 Paediatricians from Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Kalawati Saran Children Hospital, Delhi to visit Andhra Pradesh. Their findings indicate that the clinical picture was compatible with viral encephalitis.

AIDS awareness among sex workers

2277. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs involved in educating sex workers in various red light areas about AIDS/HIV;

(b) the funds granted to such NGOs during the last one year;

(c) the amount of funds utilized by such NGOs till now;

(d) whether Government are satisfied with the pace at which such NGOs are working for spreading awareness in the red light areas; and

(e) if so, the details of some of the major programmes being executed by such NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) Under the National AIDS Control Programme targeted interventions aimed at high risk groups such as sex workers, mobile populations, injecting drug users and migrant workers are being implemented by State AIDS Control Societies through the NGOs in the entire country. Currently there are 157 targeted intervention programmes for sex workers. The unit cost of reaching out to 1000 sex workers is Rs. 12,08,500 per year.

The funds are released by the State AIDS Control Societies to implementing NGOs after satisfaction on appropriate utilization of funds and verification of their performance.

The services provided under the targeted intervention programme are: Providing information, education and communication aimed at bringing out behaviour change, counselling, condom promotion providing care and support services and treatment for sexually transmitted infections as also creating an enabling environment that will facilitate behavioural change.